

I am writing to oppose the Petition for Rulemaking, RM-11831. This change would limit using the radio to send digital information with the Winlink system. As an amateur radio operator I have been learning to use Winlink to be of assistance for emergency use. Presently I am a member of the Western Washington Medical Services Emergency Communications Team. My assignment is at a Seattle hospital where I will be of assistance during emergencies. In that capacity I would be responsible for ordering supplies and anything needed by the hospital that can't communicate because the power grid is out. The Winlink system provides a way to fill out forms, make lists, and pass large amounts of information. That would be impossible by voice over a radio. It is essential for all of us volunteering to be of service to our country during emergencies to have the ability to communicate digital information through our radios. Please consider the importance of opposing the Petition for Rulemaking, RM-11831.

Sincerely,

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